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Battle of the buyers

REAL ESTATE

Inspections going down in competitive home market

May Warren
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Inspections look for problems with things like plumbing. DREAMSTIME

As she was preparing to do battle in Toronto's red-hot real estate market, Vera Santillana knew she couldn't hold back.

So — caught in a four-person bidding war to buy her first home — she skipped a step that's long been considered crucial.

"We just had to remove all conditions, including inspections," said Santillana. "You want to be competitive."

It's move that's becoming more and more common as desperate buyers struggle to make themselves more attractive, inspectors say.

Alan Glushko, of AllMax Home Inspection, estimates business has dropped as much as 35 per cent across the industry since last year in Toronto. It's to the point, he said, where requiring an inspection as part of the sale means buyers "virtually have no chance of getting the home."

British Columbia is also seeing the trend. There, the Home Inspectors Association has called for a seven-day cooling off period after an offer is accepted to allow buyers to make inspections.

The association says less than 10 per cent of Vancouver homes are being inspected before sale.

For Santillana, moving ahead without an inspection proved not to be a problem. The 31-year-old hasn't had any worries with the west-end townhouse she bought for $620,000. But, not everyone is so lucky. Inspections often turn up issues with big-ticket items like furnaces, foundations and roofs

"You could be buying a lemon for all you know," Glushko said.

Charlotte Dove of Carson Dunlop Home Inspections said her business has started actively encouraging sellers to do inspections before putting homes on the market, but not everyone does.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Ontario home inspectors don't have to have any professional training or licence. But the province says it plans to introduce legislation to regulate the industry in 2016.

BY THE NUMBERS

The rising costs of Toronto's real estate

Not so long ago luxury real estate in Toronto started at $1 million. Today, a prestigious address with high-end finishes and fittings will cost more than twice as much.

With the average Toronto detached home selling for $1.26 million in June, house hunters seeking real luxury are actually buying well beyond the $2 million range, said Maureen O'Neill, managing broker of Sotheby's International Realty Canada.

Even buyers bidding on homes over $2 million are subject to the heartbreak of Toronto's bidding wars and bully offers, she said.

The number of homes that sold for over $1 million in Toronto during the first six months of this year, actually exceeded the only hotter Canadian market, in Vancouver, according to Sotheby's biannual Top-Tier Real Estate Report published Thursday.

> People today are used to living well because we've had such a good economy for so long and they can afford it.
> Maureen O'Neill

The strongest sales volume increase in the GTA was in the $4 million-plus category. Although it accounts for a relatively small number of sales, the category increased 81 per cent in the first six months of the year. That is 134 superluxury homes between January and June, compared to 74 in the same period last year, including detached and attached homes, as well as condos.

Sales of detached, single-family homes that cost over $4 million were up 79 per cent year over year. It's not a matter of buyers in the lower price category being pushed past the $2 million mark, said O'Neill.

If a buyer can't afford the luxury they want in the city they will move further out or find an alternative such as a high end condo.

Simply put, she said, there are people that have a lot of money and consumer confidence is high.

"People today are used to living well because we've had such a good economy for so long and they can afford it. There's a lot of people who are getting these huge inheritances. They have their own money plus they have money trickled down from family inheritances," said O'Neill.

Foreign investment and a relatively low Canadian dollar are expected to continue driving the scorching Toronto and Vancouver property scenes, said Sotheby's.

"This, along with the persistence of low interest rates and continued local consumer confidence and activity, will drive the $1 million-plus real estate market into the second half of 2016," said the report.

O'Neill said she is buoyed by the sustained consumer confidence and strength of the GTA market.

But, she said, "If we had more inventory I'd feel a lot better about people being able to purchase homes comfortably. It doesn't look like we're going to get a lot on the market going into the fall. For every house on the market you've got 10 buyers."

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77%

Year-over-year increase in detached single-family home sales in the GTA in the $2 million to $4 million category in the first six months of 2016.

64%

Increase in detached single-family home sales in the GTA in the $1 million to $2 million range, Jan. to June 2016 compared to the same period in 2015.

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1 3-year-old Amir and 4-year-old Halan enjoy the Eid al-Fitr celebrations.

2 Ahman, 4, Ahmad, 5, Ahlam, 7, Imanu, 6, and Yasmin, 4, at the Enercare Centre.

3 Akrem Mohammed attends festivities along with his sister-in-law Asha Mohammed, his daughter Anissah, 1, and his wife Mawordi Mohammed.

4 Abdullah, 4, bounces above the crowd.

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Tragic shadows at special time

END OF RAMADAN

Festivities of Eid al-Fitr don't feel right for some Muslims after bloodshed

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Akrem Mohammed has always worn a big smile at annual Eid al-Fitr celebrations. Not this year.

The father of a one-year-old daughter was in a sombre mood Wednesday morning as he joined hundreds of other Muslim community members to mark the end of the holy month of Ramadan at Toronto's Enercare Centre.

Just last week, he was in Medina, considered one of the holiest places in the Muslim faith and a famous site of pilgrimages. A day after he came back to Toronto, a series of suicide attacks rocked different parts of Saudi Arabia, including Medina itself.

At least four people were killed.

> Those victims were somebody's parents or children. It really hurts.
> Akrem Mohammed

"Our hearts are broken right now. It really hurts to hear of these deaths," Mohammed said.

"Those victims were somebody's parents or children. Tragic attacks like those are unbecoming any time they happen, let alone during the holy month of Ramadan."

It's been a deadly month for the Muslim world, riddled with mass killings and terrorist attacks. Over 40 people were reportedly killed after a suicide bombing attack at the Istanbul airport in late June.

Another terror attack killed over 20 people in Dhaka, Bangladesh, last week, and as many as 250 people died in a car bombing that hit Baghdad on July 3.

Some Muslims in Toronto chose not to celebrate Eid altogether, opting instead to hold vigils for the victims.

Mohammed is especially angered by the fact the attackers claimed to be carrying out the bombings in the name of Islam.

"Injustice doesn't come from God. Never," he said.

"Allah has said no one has the authority to take the life of a human being. It's just awful and should be condemned by everyone."

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Apology for blaming victim

DEADLY STREETS

Remarks after death of cyclist typical of police culture: Critics

Luke Simcoe
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A Toronto police spokesman has apologized after comments he made regarding a fatal cyclist crash were labelled "victim blaming" by safety advocates.

A 71-year-old cyclist was killed Tuesday on Dupont Street, after he swerved to avoid a left-turning van and collided with a parked car. Afterward, Const. Clinton Stibbe told Metro and other media outlets the cyclist was travelling at a high speed and did not "approach the area with enough care."

But under Ontario law, the victim — riding in the right-hand lane next to parked cars — had the right of way, a fact Stibbe later acknowledged in a mea culpa on Twitter.

"I was wrong. Cyclist had right of way, didn't have to stop for car. Other factors contributed to crash," he tweeted Wednesday.

Some members of the city's cycling community thanked Stibbe for setting the record straight, while others took to social media to admonish him for, among other things, giving fuel "to the bike haters."

Stibbe did not respond to Metro's requests for comments Wednesday afternoon.

A cyclist died Tuesday on Dupont near Christie. Const. Clinton Stibbe, inset, has said sorry for saying the victim didn't take "enough care." VICTOR BIRO/FOR METRO; INSET: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **Police should hold their tongues and wait until they can report something that's true.**
> Uri Samson

Although he was glad to see Stibbe admit fault, lawyer and Bike Law Canada founder Patrick Brown said the officer's comments were unacceptable.

"It sends the wrong message to the driving public," he said. "It's that old Rob Ford culture of saying, 'If you swim with sharks you're going to get bit.' It suggests cyclists are the victims of their own misfortune."

It's not the first time Toronto police — or Stibbe — have come under fire for how they refer to pedestrian and cyclists involved in collisions. Last month, Stibbe was criticized after he told Metro "impatient" pedestrians are the biggest problem at Toronto intersections.

Stibbe was also accused of victim blaming in 2012, when he chastised seven pedestrians hit on a single day in December for wearing dark clothing.

"It appears to me that there's a culture where police automatically think or assume that the bicyclist or the pedestrian is at fault," said Uri Samson, whose son, Tom, was killed by a hit-and-run driver in 2012.

Tom, a Grade 2 teacher at Swansea Public School and a father of two, was at the intersection of Lansdowne and Davenport when he was hit. Police initially blamed Tom and told his family he cycled through a red light.

A subsequent investigation concluded he was "stationary or at near-zero velocity" when he was hit from behind. Uri said police never apologized.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Tory talks up value of officers at Pride

Mayor John Tory has written a letter to the Toronto Police Association (TPA) expressing his support for police participation in Toronto's Pride parade.

The letter comes in response to this year's parade when Black Lives Matter protesters blocked the parade route until a Pride representative signed a commitment to ban police floats and booths from future Pride events, among other demands.

"I for one appreciate both the support for Pride and all that it represents coming from the police officers who march as well as the professional way in which they have kept Pride and its participants safe all these years," Tory wrote to TPA president Mike McCormack on Tuesday.

Tory said Wednesday police have "come a long way" with the LGBTQ community.

"The way to solve problems that may be raised by Black Lives Matter or anybody else is to not start excluding people," Tory said.

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James Murray holds a handful of his dead bees from one of his 17 affected hives. Each held up to 60,000 bees. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

One million bees dead

APICULTURE

Beekeeper says hives likely poisoned by insecticide

When Sharon, Ont., beekeeper James Murray went out to check on his bees last week he was in for a shock: There were dead bees in front of his hives.

"I thought that was odd. All the bees were shaking," he said.

The situation worsened when he discovered 17 hives were ruined, and it appeared the bees had clearly been affected by something, Murray said.

"It was horrible. I cried," he said. "I lost a lot of money.... I was just devastated."

With up to 60,000 bees in each hive, that's a loss of one million honeybees.

Murray summoned a provincial bee inspector, who visited the local hives and said the mass deaths are the worst he has seen, Murray said.

Murray and beekeepers across Ontario have fallen on difficult times in recent years. According to the province, in the winter of 2013-2014, bee deaths in Ontario reached a staggering 58 per cent. The generally accepted level by those who care for and breed bees is 15 per cent.

The culprits for the rapid rise in deaths, according to beekeepers, the province and myriad scientists, are neonicotinoids.

Murray said it is especially bad this year because it has been so dry. He believes the neonicotinoids most likely got into the dust and infected several bees which then brought the toxin home and poisoned the other hives.

Ontario Beekeepers Association vice-president Andre Fly calls what happened to Murray unfortunate. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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ANIMAL CONSERVATION

Zoo to send 6K Puerto Rican tadpoles home

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Puerto Rican crested toads at the Toronto Zoo are the proud parents of over 6,000 tadpoles that will be released in a Puerto Rican natural reserve Wednesday, part of a breeding program to help save the critically endangered species.

Andrew Lentini, curator of amphibians and reptiles at the Toronto Zoo said it has put 145,000 tadpoles into the wild over the years.

Zoo officials play matchmaker with the 60 or so toads in Toronto, based on how genetically different they are, and put them in a "breeding chamber," which mimics rainfall in their native habitat, he said.

"We also play taped toad calls of male Puerto Rican toads, and that gets our guys in the mood as well," Lentini said.

"They think there's competition around and it's time to breed."

The pairs "typically spawn overnight and the next morning we find all these long strands of little black eggs," he added.

Before the program started, the wild crested toad population was limited to a single region in Puerto Rico and the entire species was in danger of being wiped out by a hurricane, Lentini said.

The population has since spread to three more areas around Puerto Rico, a big victory for conservationists.

"Basically we don't want all our eggs in one basket," Lentini said.

The Puerto Rican crested toad, shown here at the Toronto Zoo, is listed as a critically endangered species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

BURLINGTON

Bridge workers hospitalized after cable snaps

Two workers are in hospital — one with life-threatening injuries — after a cable snapped on a bridge being refurbished in Burlington, Ont.

Reports say the other worker suffered minor injuries. Halton Regional Police say the workers were on scaffolding when the cable snapped and struck one of them.

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Art gallery moving beloved sculpture

ICON

Henry Moore work has been at current site since 1974

Its bronze hide has been burnished by the bottoms of generations of Toronto schoolchildren, who have seen it more as a misshapen jungle gym than an icon of late-Modern sculpture.

It's one of the city's most recognizable symbols, and quite possibly the one-and-only that's universally loved. It's sat since 1974 at the corner of Dundas and McCaul streets, a sturdy icon rooted amid the swirl of a burgeoning metropolis growing up all around it.

And now, Henry Moore's Large Two Forms, that pair of outsize, amorphous doughnuts as much a part of the Art Gallery of Ontario as the building it inhabits, is on the move. The gallery confirmed Wednesday that the beloved sculpture will be uprooted next year and relocated to a new home in Grange Park, the expanse of grass and trees on the gallery's south side, as part of an $11 million makeover to add playgrounds, trees, bigger expanses of greenspace and a water feature.

Caitlin Coull, the AGO's manager of communications, said the move was meant to "restore the sculpture to a place of prominence," saying that the mass of buildings that have gone up all around it since its arrival here 42 years ago have overshadowed it.

"Large Two Forms beautifully anchors the corner of Frank Gehry's curving facade of the new AGO, and I am trying to think of a good reason why anyone would to think of moving it," said Geoffrey James, Toronto's photographer laureate.

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Children play on the Henry Moore sculpture at Dundas and McCaul outside the AGO on Wednesday.

J.P. MOCZULSKI/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CINEMA

Hot Docs to screen Wimbledon finals

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Milos Raonic is two wins away from becoming the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam tennis title. And, if he does it, it'll be played out on the silver screen.

The newly renamed Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema on Bloor Street is jumping on the Wimbledon bandwagon with plans to screen the men's final match Sunday and women's final on Saturday.

In keeping with the tournament's tradition, the Breakfast at Wimbledon screenings will include strawberries and cream, sandwiches and tea.

Tennis whites, however, are not required.

Raonic, a 25-year-old Thornhill native, trounced American Sam Querrey on Wednesday, booking a spot in the tournament's semi-finals for the second time in his career. He needs to beat Roger Federer on Friday to advance.

Milos Raonic at Wimbledon on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Doors will open for both screenings at 8 a.m., with the matches starting at 9 a.m. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the theatre's box office (506 Bloor St. W.)

IN BRIEF

Motorcycle rider charged
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Vote for Saunders

Blue Jays fans showing their support for the outfielder and B.C. native to get a spot in this year's All-Star Game.

The Jays' Michael Saunders reacts to a strikeout during the first inning of a spring training game against the Atlanta Braves on March 7 in Dunedin, Fla. STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES

BASEBALL

Five slots left in the MLB All-Star Game

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It's time to vote in a different kind of national election.

The Toronto Blue Jays already have three players representing the team at the upcoming All-Star Game, but neither Josh Donaldson, Edwin Encarnacion, nor injured pitcher Marco Estrada hail from the Great White North.

Enter Jays outfielder Michael Saunders, a native of Victoria, B.C., and the best chance to send a Canadian to the big game.

There is one spot left on the American League roster, to be determined by fan voting. Support is already pouring in online for Saunders, from politicians, teammates and fans. The Jays have created the #VoteCaptainCanada hashtag and changed the team's Twitter profile photo to a "Send Sanders" logo.

If you'd like to see some homegrown talent at the All-Star Game, you can vote until Friday at bluejays.com/vote.

Here's what Jays fans have to say on why Saunders deserves a spot on the All-Star roster:

Saunders is a Canadian boy who has always dreamed of playing for the Jays. He deserves to go to the ASG and we need to get him there! Daniel Gillespie

With Michael healthy he's been hitting clutch, hitting for power. He's been a huge contributor on the Jays' team.
Matt Harvey

His hashtag (#VoteCaptainCanada) is the most creative. Voting Michael Saunders into the ASG as Captain Canada makes an impression on the rest of the league. Mary-Beth Kellow

I think he's worked hard to come back from his injury and has been a real spark plug at the plate. And I love Canadian representation!
Maria Turavani

I think Michael Saunders would be perfect because he is displaying perfect timing at the plate this season. Wayne Williams

Michael seems like he has a great attachment to Toronto, and we need that kind of representation at the game. He's a great team player, and this would be his first All-Star Game. Erika Enyolu

Currently ranked as the 115th best player, Saunders deserves to go to San Diego. Plus, it's hard not to cheer for a player who could be the 15th Canadian to make the All-Star Game. April Whitzman

Canadian, great comeback story, having a solid year statistically, and he's had a 3-homer game already. Paul Dearborn

Michael Saunders has definitely made a major comeback after his time off last season. He is much stronger than ever before and deserves to represent The Jays at The MLB All-Stars! #GoJaysGo!. Carlo Rinomato

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Transit cash-strapped

RIDERSHIP

System faces austerity with budget short $25 million

Faced with declining ridership and a projected $25-million shortfall, the TTC intends to cancel planned service improvements and crack down on youngsters who ride for free by making kids as young as 10 get photo ID.

According to a ridership update released on Wednesday, the commission has carried 250.3 million passengers so far this year, which is slightly less than numbers posted at the same time last year and 7.4 million fewer than the amount the TTC was anticipating by this point in 2016.

Commission staff project that by the end of the year, the agency will fall short of its originally-projected 553 million rides by up to 13 million trips, leaving it with a $25-million hole in its budget.

In order to make up the shortfall, the commission has already identified about $10 million in savings that include lower-than-anticipated costs of fuel, hydro, and employee benefits. To save an additional $1.5 million, the TTC intends to abandon service improvements planned for the fall of this year. That leaves a gap of about $13 million that the commission needs to bridge.

The TTC has carried 250.3 million passengers so far this year, 7.4 million fewer than the number the TTC was anticipating by this point in 2016. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

> You need to make the TTC an attractive proposition for the average Torontonian. And you're not doing that by cutting services. Suhail Barot

With no guarantee that ridership will improve next year, the agency is also planning to scrap improvements planned for 2017, which would save $6 million next year.

"We're going through sort of austerity measures to see where we can find additional savings inside the organization," said TTC spokesman Brad Ross. He said that measures the agency is considering include putting a freeze on non-essential hiring, having staff opt out of attending conferences, and even reducing office furniture expenses.

Ross said he couldn't specify which TTC routes would lose out as a result of the decision to cancel service improvements, because the agency had planned to add service to parts of the network that showed increased demand. "That growth isn't there so we're not adding that service," he said. "We're not going to add service where none is justified. That's not prudent planning."

But Suhail Barot, a spokesman for advocacy group TTCriders, warned that scrapping the improvements is an "extremely stupid idea." He argued that more service would actually induce more people to ride public transit.

"Anybody who's taken the TTC knows how overfull the service is, how crammed you are on the trains and the buses. You need to make the TTC an attractive proposition for the average Torontonian. And you're not doing that by cutting services," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SCARBOROUGH

Biker killed in collision

A motorcyclist was pronounced dead Wednesday evening at the scene of a collision involving another vehicle in Scarborough.

Paramedics said the victim is a man believed to be in his 30s.

Emergency crews received a call about a collision involving a motorcycle and another vehicle at 6:30 p.m.

The incident occurred by McCowan Road and Pitfield Road, said police.

The circumstances involving the incident were unclear at press time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene of a collision on McCowan Road near the 401 on Wednesday afternoon. VICTOR BIRO/FOR METRO

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Isis here to stay, says salon owner

NIAGARA FALLS

Some think business is linked to terror group

People continue to flock to Isis, and its leader says it is here to stay and growing bigger.

Don't be alarmed. Not that ISIS. We mean Isis, a small body-sugaring and esthetics salon, in Fonthill, a community not far from Niagara Falls.

The salon is named after the Egyptian goddess Isis, reflecting body sugaring's roots as an ancient Egyptian hair-removal process. Its name predates the prominent moniker of the extremist group, also known to many as Daesh, by about 13 years.

"Everybody knows me as Isis," says Brigitte Boucher, owner of the salon.

Boucher opened the business 15 years ago in London, Ont. then moved it to its current location about three years ago. She specializes in natural body hair removal using homemade products. You can also get a manicure, pedicure, lash extensions and a facial.

"There's no beheading going on," Boucher says. "There's a lot of hair removal."

The name of the salon has raised a few eyebrows over the past few years. Boucher says she has noticed people taking photos of the storefront, which sports the company name. She also deals with the occasional caller phoning to inquire if the business is connected to Daesh (known as the Islamic State).

This has prompted her to post a sign in the front window stating "We are not affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq Syrie (sic)" in capital letters.

Boucher said she cried when she first learned the name of the radical Islamist group a few years ago.

"I'll watch the news every once in a while, and there's an ISIS bombing and I'm like, 'Here we go. I'm gonna get a call or two,'" she says.

Reviews on Isis' Facebook page are all positive. One patron posted that she was "totally in love with Isis."

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NAME CHANGES

In 2014, Halifax's Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services (ISIS) became the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, or ISANS.

Isis, the dog on the television drama Downton Abbey, was killed off that year amid rumours the show didn't want the canine sharing its name with the jihadist group, although producers denied that was the case.

Isis, a small body sugaring and esthetics salon in the Niagara region, has seen its business improve despite misconceptions over whether it is connected to the terrorist group, according to owner Brigitte Boucher. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Garlic used to ward off mosquitoes

Folklore says a bulb of garlic will repel a vampire, but a northwestern B.C. community believes the pungent vegetable is the answer to fighting a smaller, but equally blood-thirsty pest.

The District of Taylor has approved a pilot project to apply an environmentally friendly but potent garlic solution to several areas around town in hopes of wiping out mosquitoes.

The solution is 99 per cent garlic and Taylor councillors have been assured it can kill mosquito larvae while the leftover sulphers are undetectable by humans but deter adult mosquitoes for weeks.

Several baseball diamonds in Taylor will be sprayed first, and the concoction will also be applied around the downtown core.

Based on costs and results, Taylor council intends to expand the pilot project in 2017.

Taylor joins a handful of Canadian communities, including Leduc, Alta., and Huntsville, Ont., in using garlic to eradicate pests, with Huntsville using the potion to control black flies in advance of the 2010 G8 meeting.

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IN BRIEF

First Nations leaders left scratching their heads

A new $382-million government announcement on First Nations child welfare is raising as many questions as it answers, indigenous leaders and advocates say.

Federal ministers announced Tuesday they were implementing what's known as Jordan's Principle, a policy designed to ensure indigenous children do not get caught up in spending disputes between layers of government.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Construction workers don't have the tools to stay cool

Hundreds of construction workers in Montreal put down their tools for part of the day Wednesday because of the heat, saying there was not enough ventilation in a downtown building to allow them to stay on the premises.

One worker said it was 35 C inside, and a union spokesman said at least three people had to be treated for heat stroke.

Most returned later in the day.

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POLITICS

Kenney's exit will have domino effect

Jason Kenney's decision not to seek the leadership of the federal Conservatives will have a domino effect on the race and the national party.

The first tile has already fallen over.

The longtime Tory MP announced his bid to lead the Alberta Progressive Conservatives on Wednesday and is already staffing up his provincial campaign with former federal aids.

Kenney is known for inspiring fierce loyalty among staff, once dubbed the "Jasonistas," and it's likely those diehards also would have followed him down the federal leadership road.

But now they'll leave the federal scene for Alberta, taking with them the tactics, the political savvy and, most importantly, thousands of contacts Kenney built up over 20 years serving in Ottawa.

"He has supporters from across Canada who will want to help him succeed in Alberta, which will draw some talent and money away from the national party in the short term," said his former cabinet colleague James Moore, once rumoured to have leadership aspirations of his own.

Jason Kenney THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kenney is a workhorse widely recognized for his drive in building Conservative party relationships with Canada's cultural communities.

One of the reasons he was once considered the presumptive next leader of the federal party was due to his perceived head-and-shoulders lead over other potential candidates among this key voting block.

It's there that his departure opens a door for other would-be leaders, said Jason Lietaer, a party strategist.

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Police shooting probed

LOUISIANA

Another black man shot, another investigation

The U.S. Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation Wednesday into the video-recorded police killing of a black man who authorities say had a gun as he wrestled with two white officers on the pavement in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Alton Sterling, 37, was confronted by police and shot on Tuesday after an anonymous caller said he had threatened someone with a gun outside the store, where he was selling homemade CDs, authorities said.

In a cellphone video taken by a community activist and posted online, the two officers pinned Sterling to the ground, someone yelled, "He's got a gun! Gun!" and gunfire erupted moments later.

At a news conference Wednesday, Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie Jr. said that Sterling was armed but that there are still questions about what happened.

"Like you, there is a lot that we do not understand ... I am demanding answers," Dabadie said.

The officers, identified by the chief as Blane Salamoni, a four-year member of the department, and Howie Lake II, who has been on the force for three years, were placed on administrative leave, standard department procedure.

Authorities would not say whether one or both fired their weapons or how many times.

Gov. John Bel Edwards and the U.S. Justice Department announced the investigation by the department's civil rights division.

"I have very serious concerns. The video is disturbing, to say the least," Edwards said.

The shooting stirred anger in Baton Rouge, with hundreds protesting Tuesday night and demonstrations continuing Wednesday. Community leaders and Sterling's family demanded a federal investigation.

"Mr. Sterling was not reaching for a weapon. He looks like a man that was actually fighting for his life," said state Rep. Edmond Jordan, an attorney for Sterling's family.

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In this video, Alton Sterling is held by two Baton Rouge police officers, one holding a hand gun. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **I am demanding answers.**
> Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie Jr.

DYNAMIC DUO
CLINTON, OBAMA CAMPAIGN TOGETHER
Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton walks off of Air Force One with U.S. president Barack Obama on Tuesday in Charlotte, North Carolina, where they made their first joint campaign appearance. The Clinton campaign hopes Obama can reassure voters about her experience, talent and character — and speak to their questions about her honesty and trustworthiness, some of which stem from the FBI's email investigation.
GETTY IMAGES

COMIC BOOKS

Meet Riri, the new Iron-Not-a-Man

Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

A female Thor, a black Captain America, a Latino Spider-Man and now, Iron (formally) Man.

Marvel Comics' push for a superhero roster that better represents their readers continues with the upcoming launch of Riri Williams — the new face of Iron Man (she's still working on the name).

Williams, a 15-year-old MIT student, suits up in Invincible Iron Man #1, apparently with Tony Stark's blessing. The girl genius catches the attention of the smart-mouthed billionaire after she reverse-engineers an Iron Man suit and builds her own version.

So what happened to Tony?

"We're in the middle of a very big Tony Stark storyline — actually three storylines converging," said Invincible Iron Man author Brian Michael Bendis, in an interview with TIME.

"His best friend died, his company is collapsing and he's finding out who his biological parents were," he said. "But it does create a path for Riri Williams, who Tony will know and will be interacting with in the comics."

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UNITED KINGDOM

Report slams Iraq war planning

Prime Minister Tony Blair led Britain into an unsuccessful war in Iraq through a mix of flawed intelligence, "wholly inadequate" planning and an exaggerated sense of the U.K.'s ability to influence the United States, according to a damning official report on the conflict that was published Wednesday.

The government-commissioned inquiry fell short of delivering what many bereaved families sought — a declaration that the 2003 war was illegal. But its 2.6 million words give the most comprehensive verdict to date on the mistakes of a conflict whose violent aftershocks still rattle the world.

Blair, however, stood by his decision to join U.S. President George W. Bush in toppling Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I believe I made the right decision and that the world is better and safer as a result of it," he said.

The decision to go to war was the most contentions act of Blair's decade as prime minister between 1997 and 2007. By the time British combat forces left Iraq in 2009, the conflict had killed 179 U.K. troops.

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IN BRIEF

Ceasefire in Syria
The Syrian military declared a three-day cease-fire for the entire country on Wednesday, coinciding with the start of the Muslim Eid al-Fitr holiday marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, state media reported. The military's nationwide truce is set to expire at midnight Friday.
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TORSTAR CORP.

Holland retiring as president and CEO

The roles of president and CEO of Torstar Corp. and publisher of the Toronto Star will be amalgamated into one position, the company said Wednesday as it announced that David Holland would retire this fall.

Holland is retiring after 30 years with the company, including seven years as president and CEO of Torstar.

The announcement comes two months after John Cruickshank stepped down as publisher of the company's flagship newspaper.

Holland had assumed the publisher's duties on an interim basis.

A search is underway to fill the new joint position.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada Post talks stall over pensions

LABOUR DISPUTE

Postal workers union refuses to accept two-tier model

Canada Post is threatening to lock out unionized workers on Friday, as contract talks stall over changes to pensions — a benefit that the union says it will fight to defend.

"We could not be farther apart," said Canada Post spokesman Jon Hamilton, noting the two sides have not met face-to-face since Canada Day, when the union put forward its latest offer.

Union president Mike Palacek calls that "patently untrue," saying the two sides met on Monday, and both sides are working with mediators trying to reach a deal.

"Canada Post has not moved on any of the issues," said Palacek, national president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, which represents 50,000 members in both urban and rural units. "But we haven't been told formally we will be locked out."

At the heart of the battle is the company's proposal to put future employees on a defined contribution pension plan, instead of the existing defined benefit pension plan, which is indexed for inflation.

Two other unions and management have switched for new hires.

"It is fundamentally unjust to have people work side by side, getting wildly different compensation," said Palacek.

Under a defined benefit pension, employers and employees contribute to a plan, and the worker is guaranteed a fixed payout at retirement, regardless of how pension investments performed or where interest rates stand.

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Mail could stop being delivered from Friday with Canada Post threatening to lockout workers as the two sides remain far apart on issue of pensions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BANKING

Fintech startups help immigrants

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver entrepreneur is helping other newcomers to Canada by starting a financial technology company that help immigrants land on their feet when they arrive — immigrants like Fares Toumi.

Toumi, a marketing consultant from Jordan, moved to Vancouver with his young family one year ago and decided to work for himself rather than find a salaried job.

His business grew steadily but when his mother fell ill in Jordan in May, Toumi didn't have enough cash on hand to send back home. He said banks would not lend him the money because he had no credit history and few assets in Canada.

Financial technology or 'fintech' companies are filling this service gap and others, creating a $13 trillion global market, according to the Digital Finance Institute, a Canadian think-tank. Out of 515 fintech companies in Canada, about 100 are based in B.C. and many have an edge in the industry thanks to the province's strong tech sector, said Christine Dunhaime, executive director at DFI.

Cindy Chen, CEO of Amber Financial Services, calls fintech the 'Uber' of the banking industry. She was inspired to launch her business, which offers unsecured loans, after her own experience immigrating to Vancouver from the U.S. four years ago. "I didn't have enough money to pay for rent and utilities. I borrowed money from friends," said the 30-year old entrepreneur.

There is a group of people that should qualify for loans but don't because traditional banks only consider certain types of documentation, explained Chen. Amber Financial uses other methods like considering old bank statements from the country an immigrant came from to assess whether they qualify for a loan.

No clients have defaulted so far, according to Chen.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
ON THE SEX HARASSMENT CLAIMS AGAINST FOX'S CHAIRMAN

While it's everyone's "issue," sexual harassment and assault are often only women's problems. This is why Gretchen Carlson's lawsuit is so powerful, and career-risking.

If journalists took the whole "people in glass houses" motto seriously, newspapers, websites, video reels and radio stations would be blank, empty, silent spaces.

Papers that rail against unfair working conditions deny their own employees overtime pay.

Outlets that decry white male workplaces are some of the white-est, male-est offices around.

This industry, which gets paid to call bulls--t on everything and everyone it sees, is full of it.

And of course it is. No job exists outside our culture. And our culture is full of it, too.

So no woman in media (or elsewhere) was likely surprised when Gretchen Carlson, a former anchor for Fox News in the U.S., revealed a series of cases of career-related sexual harassment in a Huffington Post op-ed yesterday.

But the article was a mere side-note to the real breaking news, which shocked the U.S. media world: a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Carlson against the media mogul and Fox chairman Roger Ailes.

Of course, that a wealthy, powerful media baron would sexually harass his employees is in no way surprising. But it's almost incredible that Carlson has outed him (allegedly) in such a public way. So often sexual assault cases in workplaces are handled quietly, if at all, especially when the accused is in charge. And Ailes' power probably can't be understated, though the New York Times described him this way: "a towering figure in television and Republican politics who has overseen virtually every aspect of Fox News Channel over the cable network's hugely successful two-decade run."

So often sexual assault cases in workplaces are handled quietly, if at all, especially when the accused is in charge.

Former Fox News host Gretchen Carlson has filed a lawsuit against the CEO and chairman of Fox News, Roger Ailes, for sexual harassment and retaliation. GETTY IMAGES

The quotes attributed to Ailes in the lawsuit are comically direct: "I think you and I should have had a sexual relationship a long time ago and then you'd be good and better and I'd be good and better," Carlson alleges Ailes told her.

It's an amazingly succinct and stunningly blatant summation of what's long been a more insinuated scenario for women in the media, or anywhere, really. When Carlson didn't engage in such a relationship, she alleges, she was downgraded, and then let go. Just like she'd been warned.

In her Huffington Post piece, Carlson urged readers to think of sexual harassment/assault as more than a "woman's issue." Since men are more commonly sexual aggressors, this is factually true. But while it's everyone's "issue," sexual harassment and assault are often only women's problems. This is why Carlson's lawsuit is so powerful, and career-risking. It's why she deserves kudos, and why workplaces won't change without women who are willing to fight.

Forget the bigots — there's good reason to oppose trade deals

Linda McQuaig
Torstar News Service

The decision of British voters to leave Europe has been treated as evidence that they're intolerant xenophobes keen to seal themselves off from the world. That Donald Trump is on their side only helps make the case that they represent a boorish throwback, a desire to make the English-speaking world great again by turning it into a giant gated community surrounded by sky-high walls.

Having such a collection of bigots and boors opposing "globalization" may turn out to be a boon for those promoting globalization — that is, the laws that govern the global economy.

This is unfortunate, since these laws — and the international trade deals that enforce them — have delivered benefits almost exclusively to those at the top in recent years, and should be thoroughly overhauled.

But with Neanderthal wall-builders lurking in the background, it may be easier for the Trudeau government to convince Canadians to accept these badly flawed and increasingly unpopular trade deals as part of living in an open, modern world.

U.S. President Barack Obama helped make this case in his address to Parliament last week, urging us to resist "sealing ourselves off from the world," as he derided opposition to foreigners and opposition to international trade deals with the same broad brush.

There's a litany of reasons why any sensible person would resist these trade deals.

But the most outrageous aspect of them has always been the special set of legal rights they bestow on foreign corporations and investors. These rights enable wealthy foreigners to sue governments over policies the foreigners don't like, and to have their lawsuits decided by closed tribunals.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), rather than removing this indefensible, anti-democratic set of rights for wealthy foreigners, actually extends them.

Indeed, the TPP could open a floodgate of new claims by wealthy foreigners, according to a powerful report by Osgoode Hall law professor Gus Van Harten. The report documents how corporations and wealthy investors have taken advantage of the bizarrely generous legal rights available to them under NAFTA, suing Canada 39 times and winning more than $190 million in compensation from Canadian taxpayers. There is no cap on how high the compensation can be, and the vast majority of it goes to the ultra-rich.

Let's not forget what it is these foreign interests are objecting to: laws passed by democratically elected governments to protect the public. For instance, Lone Pine Resources challenged fracking regulations in Canada; just last month, TransCanada sued the United States for $15 billion to compensate for Obama's decision not to approve the Keystone pipeline.

The Trudeau government will no doubt fill us with dark Brexit and Trumpian images to warm us up to the TPP. But not even revulsion for Donald Trump will provide enough lipstick to pretty up this pig.

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"I saw my size as being an advantage, whereas so many women see it as a disadvantage"

Rebel Wilson tells Britain's Telegraph newspaper her weight has helped her career

'IT ONLY TAKES A SECOND' HOME HAZARDS

Spooked by the recall of millions of IKEA dressers that pose a tip-over hazard if they're not properly anchored, parents everywhere are taking a second look at their child-proofing chops. "People always say, 'I only turned my back for a second,'" says Tracey Warren, director of Child Safe Canada. Her solution: Put more than a few seconds' worth of obstacles between your little ones and danger. **Here are five often-overlooked hazards you can find and minimize.** GENNA BUCK/METRO CANADA

1 DOORS & WINDOWS

Opening the doors and windows to catch a breeze might keep you cool, but it's a hidden-in-plain-sight hazard to small children apt to wander out, Warren said. So keep the door closed and put an obstacle in front of it that will slow kids down — even something as simple as boots. Make sure your windows are secure too (but not permanently nailed shut: fire hazard), and don't place furniture under them that kids can scramble up on.

2 WATER

Kids under five have a natural, unquashable desire to explore and climb on everything. It's not just pools and hot tubs: Toddlers have been known to topple into puddles, toilets, cleaning buckets and kitchen sinks full of dishwater, Warren said — so never leave standing water unattended.

3 FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Kids can fly off a treadmill or get entangled in an elliptical. Don't leave the key in the lock, and if there's no way to secure the machine to prevent little fingers from mashing the "start" button, consider making the room it's in off-limits. Better yet, do both. That's what Warren calls "layers of safety."

4 DRUGS & COSMETICS

Warren suggests getting down to toddler-eye level and looking at your home the way your child sees it. What's in their reach? Kids are attracted to makeup's bright colours and easy-to-open packages, and they shouldn't be eating it. Grandma visiting? Purses or suitcases carelessly tossed on the floor or bed could have medication inside. Again with the safety layers: Keep poisons, like cleaning products and drugs, in a locked cupboard that's also up high.

5 DRIVEWAY

Remind kids often that the driveway is a "drive zone," never a "play zone." Backing over children is tragically common. Warren said it has happened three times so far this season in Calgary, where she's based. It's best to back in and pull out. And exit the driveway with the windows down, so you can hear if someone's trying to alert you that you're about to make a fatal mistake.

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Actress Samira Wiley dishes on her role in Season 4

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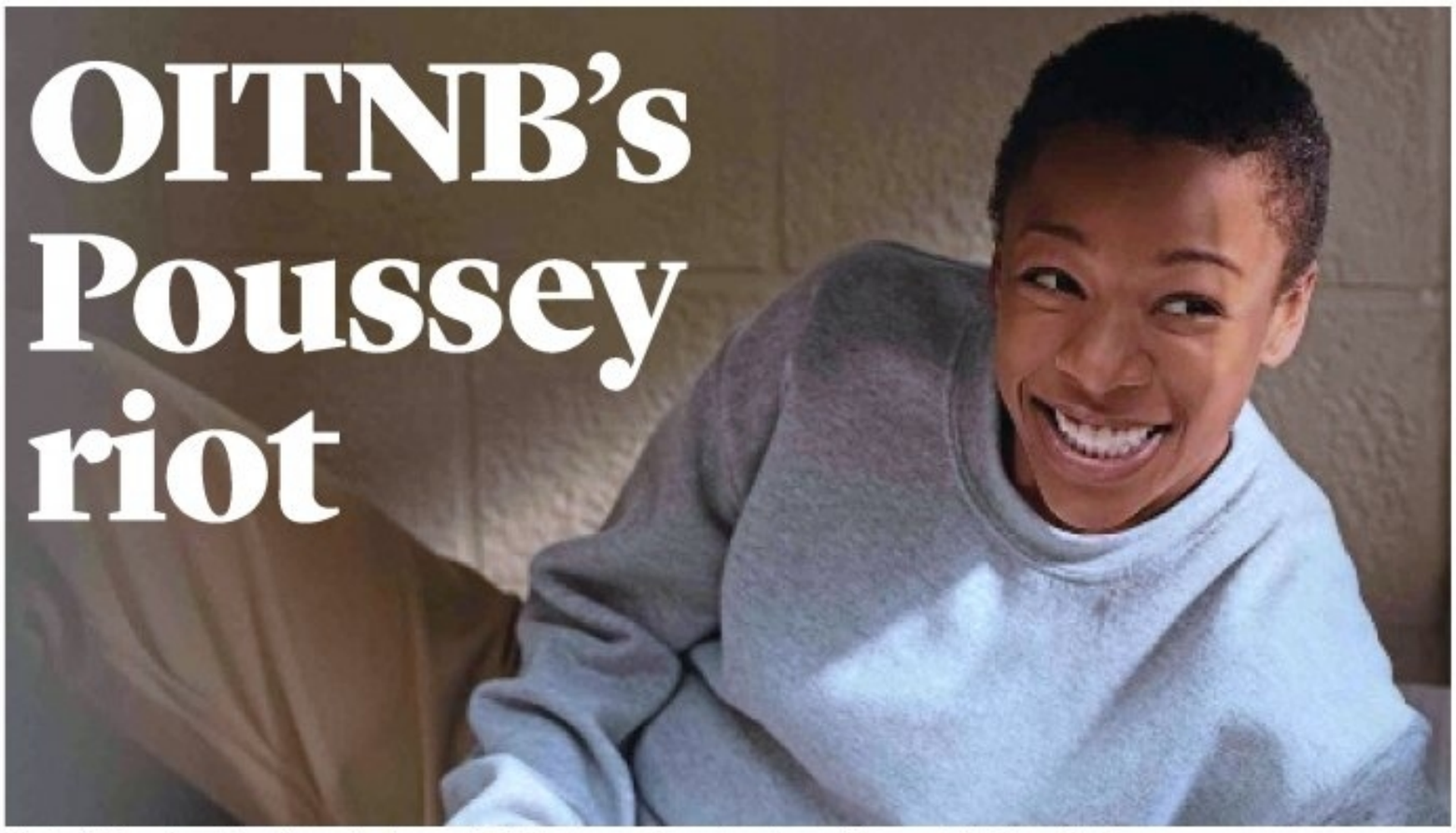
OITNB's Poussey riot



Samira Wiley played fan-favourite Poussey Washington on the prison drama Orange is the New Black. PHOTOS COURTESY NETFLIX

SPOILER ALERT: This article contains Orange is the New Black Season 4 spoilers!

Samira Wiley, who played fan-favourite Poussey Washington on the prison drama Orange is the New Black, wants you to know one thing, "Samira is alive!"

Since her character's shocking death near the end of the fourth season, fans have been leaving strange messages on social media for her.

"I get a lot of comments on social media when I tweet something or I post a picture," she says. "People are like, 'I'm really happy you're posting so I know you're alive.' Yes, I am. I haven't gone anywhere."

The Juilliard-trained actress appeared in 50 episodes of the acclaimed Netflix series, bringing Poussey to vivid life. Dealing marijuana earned the character a stretch at Litchfield Penitentiary — "We all in here because we took a wrong turn going to church," Poussey joked — where she was an outspoken and caring woman who stood by her convictions.

"Poussey is really like an ideal person," says Wiley. "I've said this before, she is such a great friend and a great person sometimes when I don't know what to do or want to be better in a certain situation I think, 'What would Poussey do?' She had a great heart. A great moral centre and a great smile. She is someone that you look up to.

"I feel so, so honoured and privileged to give her life and to give people the strong feelings they have about her."

Based on Piper Kerman's memoir about her experiences in a women's prison, the series has been a commercial hit and critical success for its candid depictions of race, sexuality and gender.

"I think the show in general has ushered in a new era of television," says the actress, who will next be seen on the comedy series You're the Worst.

"Orange is the New Black shows you different kinds of women, different shapes of women, different backgrounds of people. The barriers are less and in some ways invisible because that is you, or your mom or your sister. I feel really proud to be part of the television show that started that.

"With Season 4, I think we really amped it up a notch in terms of reflecting not only the people we see everyday but the issues we deal with everyday, specifically Black Lives Matter. We're showing some responsibility as artists, as creators of this television show, because we need to reflect what is going on in our time. That is our responsibility."

As Wiley's former cast mates gear up to begin shooting season five of OITNB, she says she's not up to date on the storyline.

"I think it might be too difficult for me to binge," she says. "I don't anticipate it. After most seasons, especially the third season I definitely binge-watched immediately. I thought I would be able to do that this time but I have only watched about half this season."

She stopped before Poussey is accidentally suffocated during a demonstration in the prison cafeteria.

"I haven't watched it yet. In a way I feel like actually watching it will be me really saying goodbye and I am not ready for that yet. I can't do that yet."

This sweet girl, arrested for possession of half an ounce of marijuana, shouldn't be in prison — but as showrunner Jenji Kohan points out, the system is designed to grind people down.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Show pleas for prison reform

THE SHOW: Orange is the New Black, S4, E12 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The Time Machine

Prison inmates Poussey (Samira Wiley) and Brook (Kimiko Glenn) dance without music inside a makeshift cardboard time machine. Their prison is in chaos, overcrowded and under new, nastier management.

"This feels like the most normal thing I've done in a while," Poussey says.

"It feels like we're in a horror movie," Brook says.

"The kind you used to watch on sleepovers," Poussey adds, "where you have to run to your mom at the end, to hug you, tell you it was all made up."

"My mom wasn't a big hugger," Brook says.

"My mom was," Poussey says. (Alert: Major spoiler ahead.)

Every now and then, the theme and purpose of a series comes together in a plot point, and this is one of those times. OITNB is a long, heartfelt plea for prison reform, and this — Poussey's last happy moment before dying in a chokehold — is an example of what showrunner Jenji Kohan is all about.

This sweet girl, arrested for possession of half an ounce of marijuana, should not be in prison. There should be a better solution for her. But as Kohan seeds throughout this season, the system is designed only one way, to grind people down. It's gutsy of Kohan to sacrifice a great character to make her greater point.

So in the next episode, when prison manager Caputo (Nick Sandow) defends the guard who killed Poussey, it's heinous, but also understandable. One promising life was wasted. He doesn't want to waste another. It's all so hugely sad.

Her music saved my life: DMC

MEMOIR

Early rapper credits Sarah McLachlin for his survival

Twelve years after kicking addiction issues fuelled by deep depression, Darryl McDaniels of pioneering rap group Run-DMC says he's feeling "really incredible." And he credits Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan's music with saving his life.

On Tuesday, McDaniels released his new memoir, Ten Ways Not to Commit Suicide. He's also working on a full-length heavy-metal album as well as a collaboration album with acts including Canada's Sum 41.

Like his book, the heavy-metal album due out in September "is a no-holds-barred" account about the emotions of alcoholism and depression, he said in a recent phone interview.

"Suicidal folk, depressed people, they think they're alone, but they don't realize there's a million other people just like us," said the Queens, N.Y., native, known as the Devastating Mic Controller (DMC).

"If I can put out the message that I'm DMC, the mightiest thing to ever happen to music — I am the king of rock, there is none higher, sucka MCs will call me sire to burn my kingdom, you must use fire, I won't stop rockin' till I retire — and I'm no different than you," he continued, citing the lyrics to the group's hit King of Rock.

As McDaniels writes in his tell-all memoir, he used alcohol as a confidence booster onstage and off in the '80s and '90s, as Run-DMC climbed the charts with the songs It's Like That, Sucker M.C.'s and Rock Box.

> **You're a god to me. Your music keeps me alive every day.**
> Darryl "DMC" McDaniels to Sarah McLachlin

He also suffered from depression and was at his suicidal worst in 1997, when he wanted to kill himself every day while on tour in Japan.

McLachlan's hit Angel was the only thing that "buoyed" him during that time.

"It was hearing her song on the radio, that hit something and said, 'D, life could really eff up, but if this song exists in this form, it's good to be alive,'" he said.

"So I just listened to that song every day for, like, a whole year."

McDaniels, 52, met McLachlan in person at a Clive Davis Grammy party later that year. He told her: "You're a god to me. Your music keeps me alive every day."

"She was, like, 'Wow, thank you for telling me that because that's what music is supposed to do,'" he recalled. "So her song saved my life."

McDaniels' book also touches on issues he faced with Run-DMC member Joseph Simmons, a.k.a. Rev. Run, and producer Russell Simmons.

He said he hasn't been close to them since the group's DJ, Jam Master Jay, was shot dead in 2002.

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Darryl "DMC" McDaniels's memoir about his alcoholism and depression was released this week.

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Winters takes off in turbulent times

INTERVIEW

Author's new novel wrestles with America's race problem

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

As Ben H. Winters finished writing the final book in his award-winning Last Policeman mystery trilogy in 2013, he was already anxiously thinking ahead to what his next project might be. Meanwhile, the Indiana writer was also feeling distressed over the killing of Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer, in Florida, and the deaths of other young African Americans by police across the country.

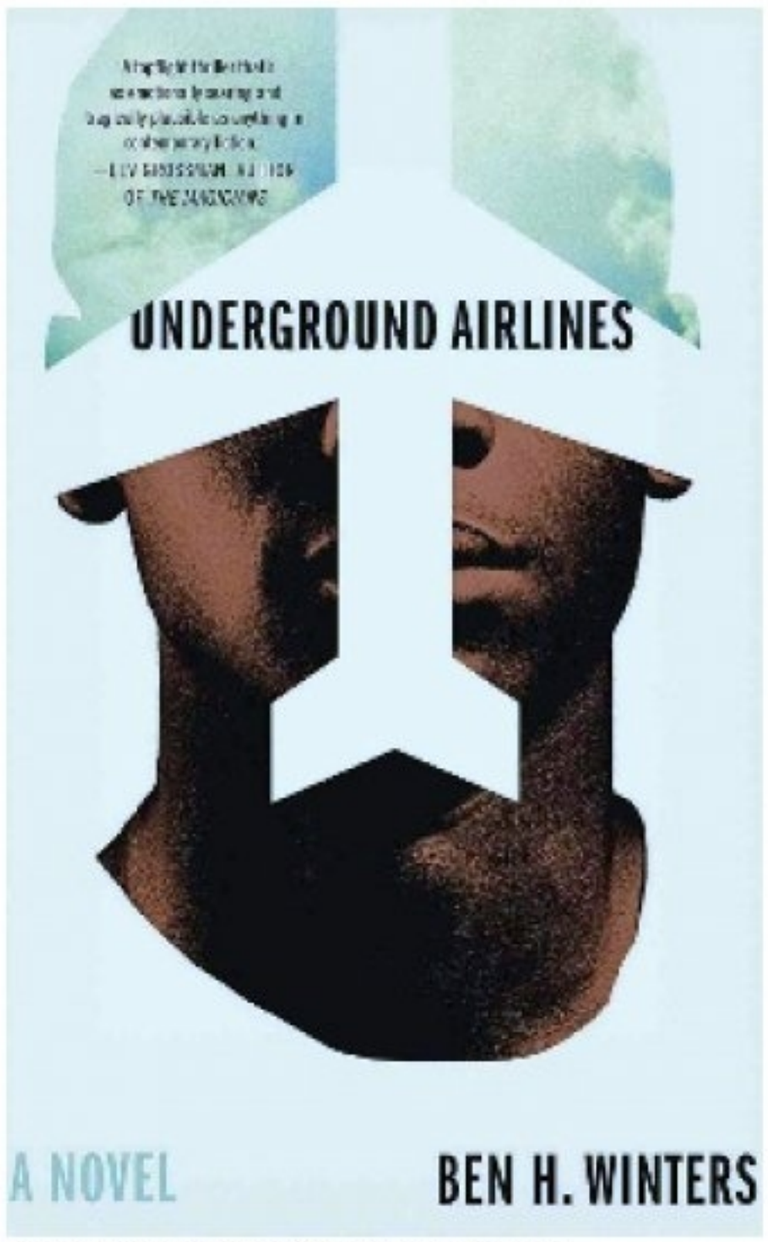
"It had become such a prevalent part of the national consciousness," says Winters. "As an American citizen, it was impossible not to be thinking about it all the time and wondering how this could possibly be happening."

Winters knew he wanted to use a hybrid of mystery and science-fiction genres to examine institutional racism in the U.S., and so his new novel was born, Underground Airlines, where he imagines a dystopian world in which the American Civil War has never happened and slavery still exists in Hard Four states.

The story follows Victor, an escaped slave turned bounty hunter looking for a runaway named Jackdaw, which leads to him becoming embroiled in a much larger conspiracy.

"It continues to strike me that in America there is this very specific backstory that is connected to race-based slavery," says Winters. "People like to think it happened long ago, like some kind of ancient phenomenon we put behind us, but in fact there are a million ways that the legacy of slavery forms contemporary racism."

In Underground Airlines, there are still Starbucks and CNN. Michael Jackson and Muhammad Ali remain stars (with revised biographies), and corporate greed and capitalism still reigns. But in Winters' alternate history, James Brown is an escaped slave living in Canada, and Henry Kissinger is quoted as denouncing the United Nations. As a self-declared "history and legal-scholar nerd," Winters spent a lot of time both researching and speculating how his premise would have played out internationally, and changed the U.S.'s role on the world stage.



Ben H. Winters' new novel is a hybrid of genres.

He admits wrestling with the appropriateness of a white male author writing a race-relations story with an African American protagonist, but came to the conclusion that it's important for artists like himself to draw attention to anti-black racism issues.

"I'm very aware that there will be some questions about my motives and the appropriateness of the material, and the only way I can answer that is if when people read the book, they realize it's not exploitative," Winters says. "There is a long and complicated history of white artists appropriating black voices. The only answer to that was to be honest and to think about how I'm going to write about this specific man, and his specific struggle, his specific back story.

"To think that black and white people are so different that the bridge of empathy that fiction is can't cross it is just dangerous thinking."

Underground Airlines concludes with a blockbuster surprise, but is also with cautious optimism. "I'm not giving up on my country. America has so many great things about it, and we've come so far, but continuing to move forward requires us to better understand our history than we think we do," says Winters.

> **To think that black and white people are so different that the bridge of empathy that fiction is can't cross it is just dangerous thinking.**
> Author Ben H. Winters

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

10,000-Year-Old Spider Eggs Hatch

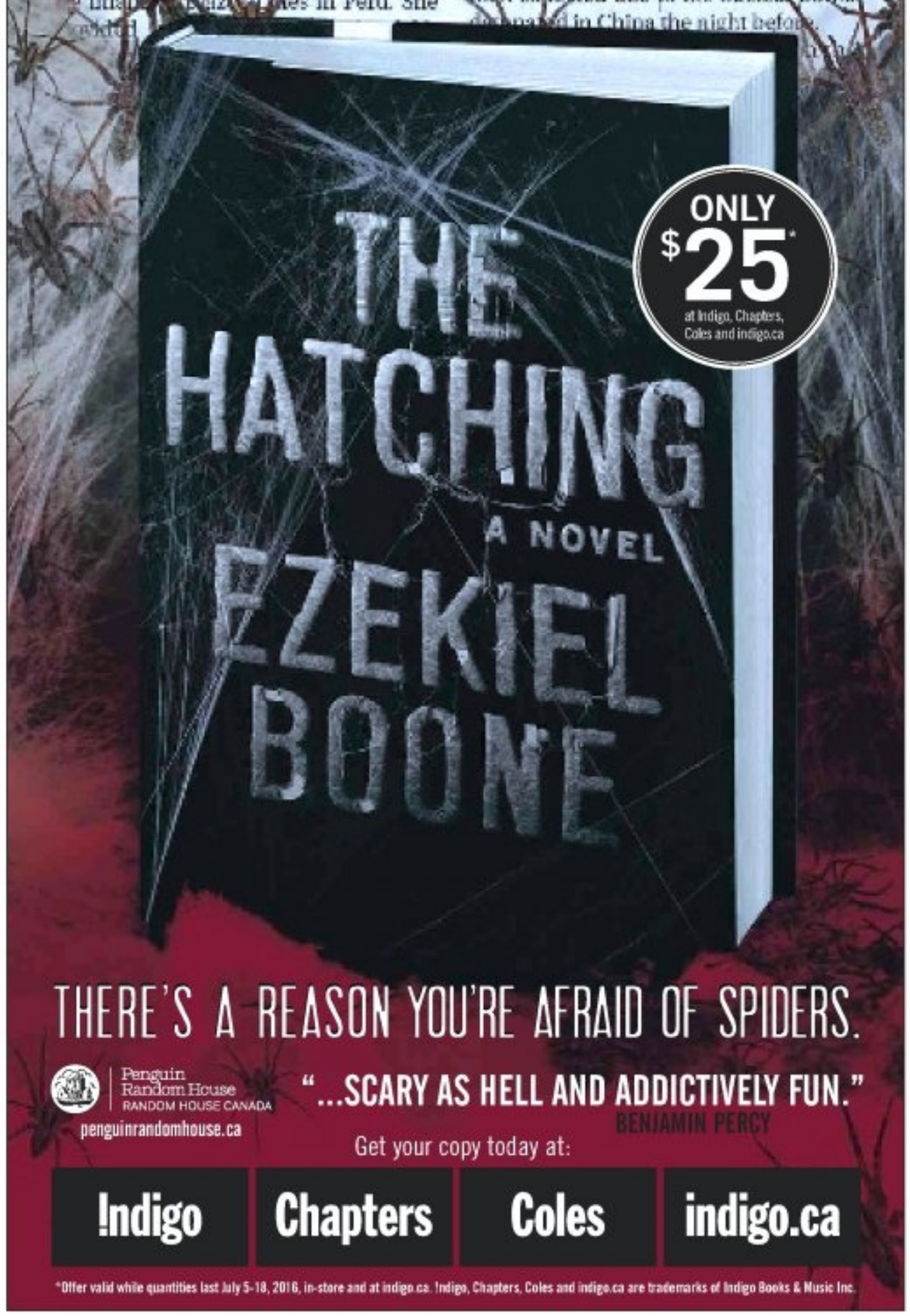
WASHINGTON, DC

Ancient spider eggs found in Peru hatch in university lab

Students in American University's graduate lab received a strange gift on Wednesday—a 10,000-year-old box from Peru containing what appeared to be calcified spider eggs. They were shocked when the eggs—also 10,000 years old—began to hatch.

Julie Yoo, a graduate student at the lab supervised by Yale alum Professor Melanie Culver, received a call from an unidentified source on Thursday, claiming to have found the box at a dig near the Infamous Blazed Ruins in Peru. She added [illegible]

Professor [illegible], who was previously married to White House Chief of Staff Manny [illegible], declined to comment except to say that she was eager to examine the shell once the hatching was complete, but an additional source from the lab who wished to remain anonymous described the spider egg sac, which has been recorded on HD video since the first indications of hatching, as both "vibrating" and "humming" as well as describing the size as far larger than average spider egg sacs. "It was bigger than a softball," our source said. "Possibly the size of a small melon. It was hard, possibly calcified, and had an unusual chalky feeling. It was hot to the touch." The attention paid to what should be a scientific impossibility has been far less than expected due to the nuclear bomb detonated in China the night before.



GOSSIP BRIEF

Miranda Lambert's B&B closes in Oklahoma

Country singer Miranda Lambert has shut down her bed-and-breakfast in rural Oklahoma about a month after she closed her clothing boutique in the town where she once lived with ex-husband Blake Shelton.

According to a notice on its website, The Ladysmith Bed & Breakfast in Tishomingo is closed because it is "under new management." The move comes after Lambert closed her Pink Pistol boutique in the town of 3,000 residents about 115 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

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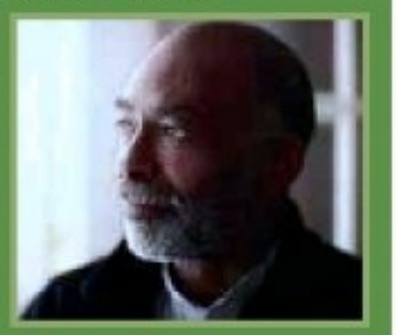

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PARIS

Ellie Saab goes classic

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It injected the fashion calendar with the most archetypally couture show seen all season.

Saab, like other couture masters, plays with his own rulebook and need not pay heed to the wearable trends of the season.

Split leg, floor-length sensuality was the order of the day.

A velvet royal blue evening gown was given a twist, with asymmetrical feather-like detailing at the shoulder and waist.

It complemented a brooding palette of dark and often sheer materials with the signature Saab cinched-waisted hourglass vava-voom silhouettes.

One highlight was a mother and daughter couture ensemble in grey, modelled simultaneously.

Flashes of Art Nouveau patterning were the season's added ingredient, evoking the graphic sensuality of Gustav Klimt.

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One highlight of the **Elie Saab Haute Couture Fall/Winter 2016-2017 show** at Paris Fashion Week was this mother-daughter couture ensemble. PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY IMAGES

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When the new complements the old

CONDO TRENDS

St. Lawrence Market's rich history a big plus for buyers

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

The area surrounding Toronto's St. Lawrence Market is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Toronto. This is the place where Toronto was born, as a 19th century industrial centre, that gradually morphed into a residential area, and more recently, a condo neighbourhood in its own right.

Here you will find a collection of old and new condo buildings like the Market Square, The L-Tower, Olde York Place, New Times Square, 88 Scott and The Berczy.

Today, St. Lawrence is a colourful, vibrant and highly-walkable location that has much to offer. It is home to some of the finest examples of early Toronto architecture from the times of Old Muddy York. This historically significant part of the downtown maintains stringent urban design guidelines. The condo trend was slow to develop, and it was rare for developers to venture east of Yonge Street.

In 1982, the Market Square condominiums were built at the corner of Front and Church streets. These modern and spacious suites were some of the first condos in downtown Toronto. Still in demand today, the two, nine-storey buildings house 310 suites overlooking a landscaped courtyard. Amenities include an 8,000 square foot patio, a rooftop swimming pool, a fully-decked exercise room, a squash court and 24-hour concierge.

Later on came the Market Wharf condominiums at 1 Market Street. The project by Context Developments occupied the lands directly south of the Market. Completed in 2013, the development consists of a 34-storey tower with 425 units, townhomes and an eight-storey podium with retail space at street-level. Context was conscious of harmonizing the structure with the existing housing to the east and west, and the market building to the north.

The latest condo project to grace the neighbourhood is the St. Lawrence, a joint venture between Cityzen Development Group and Fernbrook Homes. Designed by Peter Clewes of Toronto-based architects Alliance, the two towers will rise 26 storeys and be joined by a street-level, 14-storey podium. The location boasts a walk score of 98 per cent and a transit score of 100 per cent. Its ten floors of luxury amenities will include an upscale gym with cardio and weight rooms, a library and media lounge, and an outdoor lounge and pool.

As a gateway to the waterfront, the St. Lawrence Market area will be paired with the emerging East Bayfront community that will see a complete transformation of the waterfront south of the Gardiner Expressway.

St. Lawrence Hall is the iconic centrepiece of the St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood, home to a variety of old and new condo buildings.

Market Wharf condominiums at 1 Market Street occupies the site of a former parking lot south of St. Lawrence Market. Its 34-storey tower has 425 units, plus townhomes and an eight-storey podium.

The St. Lawrence is the new kid on the block. Designed by Peter Clewes, the two towers will rise 26 storeys and be joined by a street-level, 14-storey podium. ALL IMAGES CONTRIBUTED

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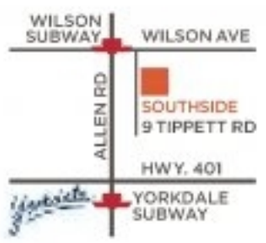

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Not just one path to affordable housing

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro

The inadequate supply of affordable housing is a massive and growing problem in the Greater Toronto Area and one that governments at all levels are working to address.

The home-building and land-development industry wants to be part of the solution, so we recently brought together some of the smartest minds on the subject to discuss the challenge and identify creative ways to build more.

BILD members provided the industry's perspective and we invited not-for-profit developers, government colleagues and other stakeholders to the table. With representatives from each sector, small groups shared ideas for improving policy, creating financial incentives and other factors that are needed to increase the supply of affordable housing.

To inspire the discussions, we brought in Tom Bledsoe, president and CEO of the Housing Partnership Network, to give a keynote address on how affordable housing has been built in the U.S and the U.K. A renowned expert on delivering partnership-based affordable housing, Bledsoe shared a number of examples of how other cities are trying to address affordable housing challenges similar to the GTA.

There is no single way to deliver affordable housing. In cities like San Francisco, New York, Seattle and London, affordable housing is being built through private, public and non-profit sector partnerships, and policies that mandate affordable housing units as part of a larger project are only one piece of the puzzle. Successful projects are a result of public policies supported by a toolkit of incentives and programs.

Here in the GTA, building more affordable housing will also take strong partnerships and a willingness to work together to find creative ways to make projects feasible. Affordable housing projects or development projects that include affordable housing units still need to make economic sense, and government partners can help by providing incentives that help to minimize a project's time and cost.

While many GTA municipalities are considering policies to mandate affordable units in a larger development project, our industry believes there are other proven methods to achieve the same result. The range of ideas discussed at our event will culminate in a white paper later this year.

What do you think is needed to get more affordable housing built? Join the conversation on Twitter at @bildgta.

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Building: 70,000 sq. ft., nine-storey midrise tower
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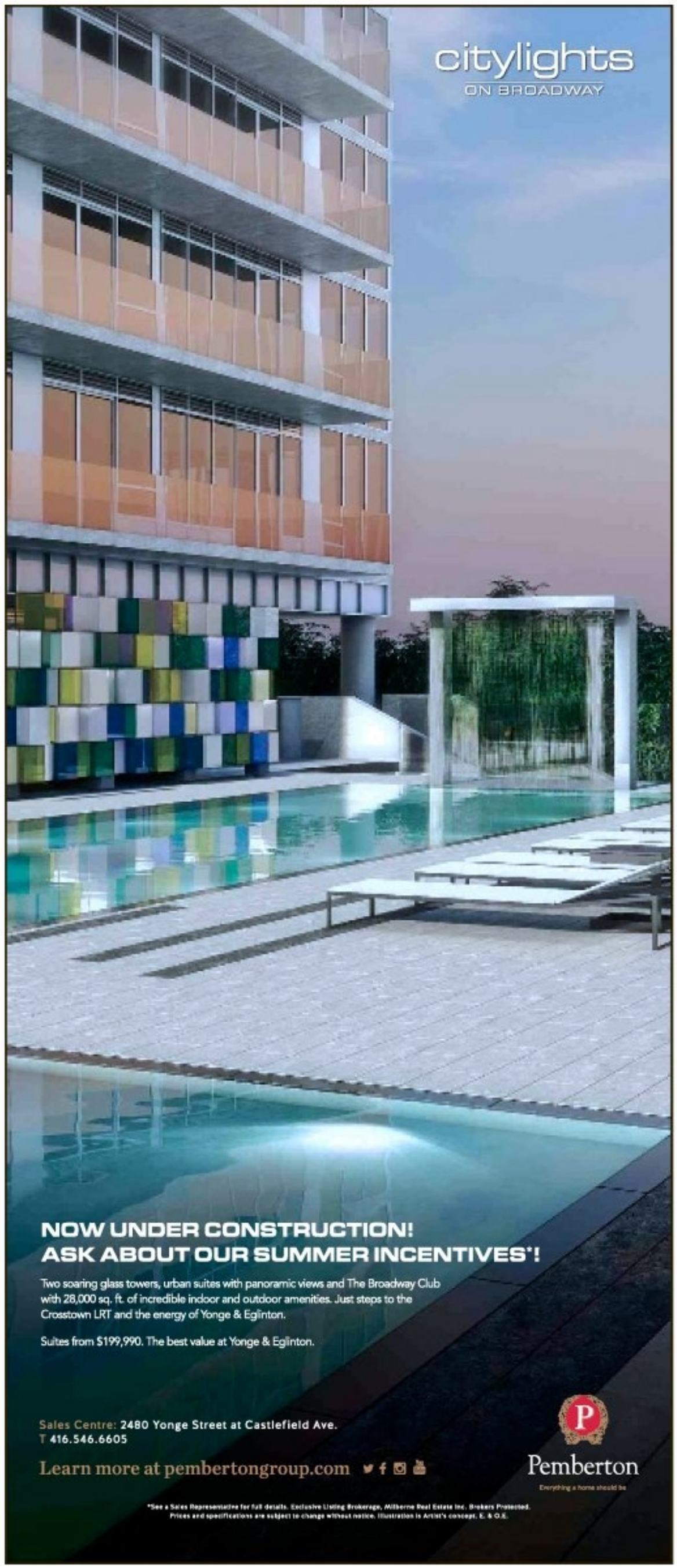

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Blue Jays pitcher Marco Estrada pulled out of the All-Star Game and went on the 15-day DL with a back injury on Wednesday

Raonic rolls into semis

WIMBLEDON

Federer in way of Canadian's first Grand Slam final

Milos Raonic says he's looking forward to getting another crack at Roger Federer, the Swiss tennis legend who sent him packing with a straight-sets win in the 2014 Wimbledon semifinals.

Raonic believes he has grown as a player since his first Grand Slam semifinal, improving his all-round game and learning how to make adjustments when things aren't going his way.

How much the Canadian has improved will be made clear Friday, when Raonic takes on Federer, the seemingly ageless seven-time champion, in the Wimbledon semifinals for the second time in three years.

"I look forward to it a lot," Raonic said. "Two years have passed since I played him here in the semifinals so I'm happy that I have another shot at him.

"I think from every aspect I've improved. I think I know what I need to do on court better, I know how to turn things around to get them on my terms. I know what I'm looking for, I know how to go about it to try to get to that position as much as I can and when things aren't going well I know what things to change."

Raonic, 25, advanced to his third career Grand Slam semifinal, and second of the season, with a clinical 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 win over American Sam Querrey on Wednesday on Court 1. The sixth seed from Thornhill lost serve only once and registered 13 aces and 58 winners

"Definitely a right step forward," Raonic said. "It's the best match I've played all the way through. Other than a span of three games everything was quite good. I had quite a few looks and I made the most of it."

Querrey, seeded 28th, knocked out No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third round on Saturday, but came up short in his bid to become the first American to make it to the semifinals of a Grand Slam since Andy Roddick reached the final four at Wimbledon in 2009.

Raonic, who has added John McEnroe to his coaching team this year, had just 16 unforced errors against Querrey, compared to the 44 he had in his fourth-round win over David Goffin.

It remains to be seen whether that will be enough against the third-seeded Federer, who has a knack for playing his best tennis when it matters most. Federer was down two sets to Marin Cilic before rallying for a 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (9), 6-3 win.

Experience alone favours Federer, who is looking for a record eighth Wimbledon title and is in the semifinals at the All England Club for the 11th time, equalling Jimmy Connors' record.

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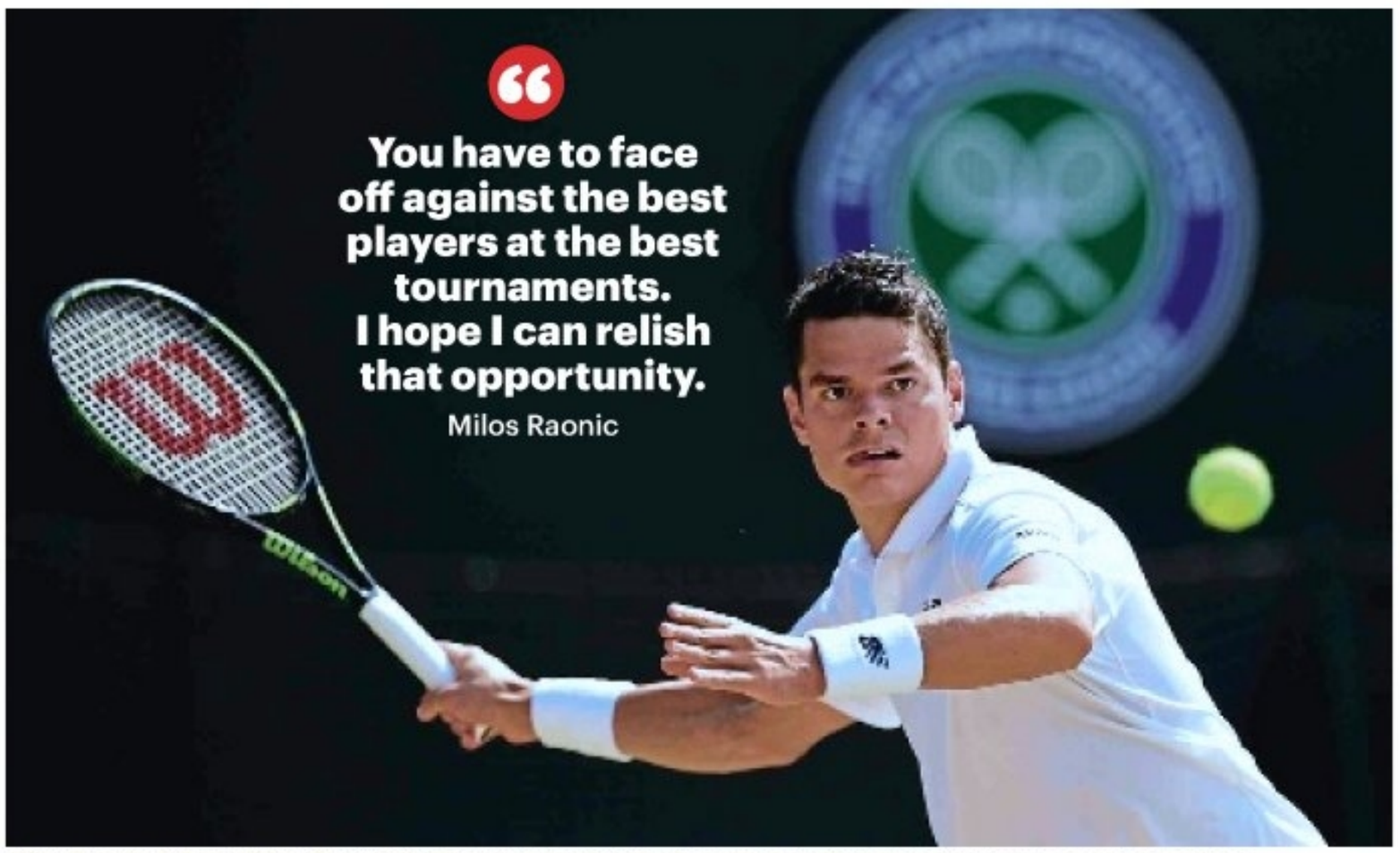

Milos Raonic defeated Sam Querrey in the men's quarter-finals on Wednesday in London. SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

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Federer also holds a 9-2 edge in head-to-head meetings with Raonic.

NHL

Leafs tap into fountain of youth

Auston Matthews and Mitch Marner were born about five months apart in 1997, and it's entirely possible both teenage prospects will be suiting up for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL next season.

The Maple Leafs may be turning 100 years old next year, but the centennial edition of the team is likely to be brimming with youth and inexperience. Toronto could have as many as seven rookies on the roster in the fall, the first real signs the seeds planted in the Brendan Shanahan era are starting to blossom.

"I think we'll be really exciting," Leafs coach Mike Babcock said last month.

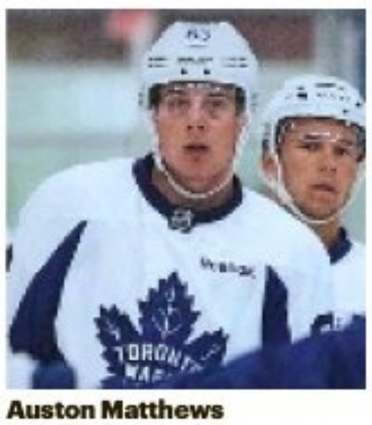
For now, Matthews and Marner have to be content with top billing at the Leafs week-long development camp in Niagara Falls.

Matthews is likely to be joined in Toronto's rookie spotlight by William Nylander, who shined intermittently with 13 points in his first 22 NHL games, and perhaps Marner, who lit up the Ontario Hockey League again last season, leading all players in post-season scoring en route to a Memorial Cup.

The ongoing question for Marner is whether he's physically ready for the NHL.

Currently around 163 pounds, Marner is trying to get to 170 for the fall.

"I just want to make sure that I feel comfortable enough to go out against men and play hard and play my game and make sure I can go out there and do things I like to do," said Marner, the London Knights star and fourth overall pick of the 2015 draft. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Auston Matthews
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MLB

Saunders puts forth vote-worthy performance

Michael Saunders hits a home run as the Blue Jays capped a three-game sweep of the Royals on Wednesday.
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Michael Saunders added to his case as a potential all-star, hitting a solo home run and then adding a tiebreaking RBI double as the Toronto Blue Jays held on for a 4-2 win over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

Saunders, from Victoria, was put on an online ballot on Tuesday, with fans able to vote him on to the American League's all-star team. Before the game, Saunders and his teammates were wearing "Captain Canada" shirts and many Blue Jays have been tweeting to vote for him.

Third baseman Josh Donaldson, designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion and starting pitcher Marco Estrada have already been named to the AL's all-star team.

Marcus Stroman (7-4) pitched eight innings, giving up two runs on three hits and striking out six as Toronto (48-39) won its fifth in a row. It was the longest outing he's pitched in two months, since he threw eight innings on May 1 in a 5-1 win in Tampa. Roberto Osuna earned the save in a quick ninth inning.

Ian Kennedy (6-7) gave up four hits and two runs with 10 strikeouts but earned a no decision for the World Series champion Royals (43-41), who have lost four straight including getting swept out of Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

At Rogers Centre

BLUE JAYS	ROYALS
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FIBA BASKETBALL

Canadian men inch closer to Rio

Canada is another step closer to booking a last-minute ticket to Rio after advancing to the semifinals of a FIBA Olympic men's basketball qualifying tournament Wednesday in Manila, Philippines.

The Canadians edged Senegal 58-55 in their last pool game to sweep Group A.

Raptors point guard Cory Joseph led the 26th-ranked Canadians with 13 points while Tyler Ennis of the Milwaukee Bucks had 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Tristan Thompson blocks a shot by Senegal's Cheikh Mbodj.
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IN BRIEF

Lakers' Young brazen with fireworks in July 4 video

It looks like Los Angeles Lakers guard Nick Young hasn't learned much about fireworks safety from New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul.

TMZ Sports has posted a Snapchat video of Young holding up a firework in his hand as it explodes. TMZ says the video was taken at a Fourth of July party, and Young wasn't injured.
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Kershaw OK to play catch

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw has been cleared to play catch as he rehabilitates from mild disk herniation.

Manager Dave Roberts said Wednesday that Kershaw's latest clearance is "exciting and encouraging."
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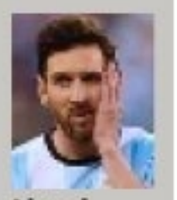
Messi given 21 months for tax fraud, prison unlikely

Lionel Messi and his father were sentenced to 21 months in prison for tax fraud by a Barcelona-based court on Wednesday, with both sentences likely to be suspended.



Lionel Messi
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The court found the Barcelona star and his father, Jorge Horacio Messi, each guilty of three counts of defrauding tax authorities of 4.1 million euros. In Spain, sentences of less than two years for first offences are usually suspended, meaning neither man would go to jail. That decision, however, rests with the court.
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Cristiano rises above

EURO 2016
SEMIFINALS

Superstar brings A-game as Portugal end Wales' hopes

Cristiano Ronaldo upstaged Gareth Bale to propel Portugal into its second European Championship final, scoring a thumping header and then setting up Nani's goal in a 2-0 win over Wales on Wednesday.

The goals came in the span of three minutes early in the second half in Lyon, helping end Wales' unlikely run to the semifinals in only its second ever major tournament.

Ronaldo equalled France great Michel Platini's record of nine goals in European Championship soccer when he timed a prodigious leap to perfection and planted home a header in the 50th minute.

The Real Madrid star then sent in a long-range shot that a sliding Nani diverted into the net from 10 metres.

Ronaldo — a serial winner in individual and team prizes in club football — will get another chance to win his first trophy on the international stage against either France or Germany in Sunday's final at the Stade de France in Paris.

"It's what we have dreamt of since the beginning," Ronaldo said. "We knew it would be a long road and we're still in the tournament."

Cristiano Ronaldo scored the first goal off a header and set up the second. PAUL ELLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WEDNESDAY In Lyon

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Portugal last competed in a final at Euro 2004, when the team surprisingly lost on home soil to Greece. A 19-year-old Ronaldo shed tears after that match, but he has managed to lead a much weaker side to another international showpiece.

Ronaldo shared a long conversation with Bale after the final whistle and the Madrid teammates embraced. This could have been the match where Bale emerged from Ronaldo's shadow, but that will have to wait.

"It's very disappointing to be so close to the final," Bale said, "but we have to be proud. This is a proud moment for us, we have achieved a lot."

"We have no regrets. We're a proud nation and proud of what we achieved."
Gareth Bale

The Welsh had no response to the successive blows dealt by Ronaldo after a turgid first half that had only really been illuminated by a couple of surging runs from Bale.
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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
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Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 yellow zucchini, sliced
- 2 portobello mushrooms, stems removed, cut crosswise into slices
- 1 red pepper, sliced into quarters
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 Tbsp fresh chopped oregano
- 1 Tbsp fresh chopped rosemary
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 lb thawed peeled deveined shrimp
- 1 box of spaghetti
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced
- 1 container marinated artichoke hearts, plus a drizzle of its oil
- 1 cup feta cheese
- 1 handful fresh chopped basil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Toss the zucchini, mushrooms and red pepper with 2 Tbsp of olive oil, balsamic vinegar, 2 cloves of garlic, oregano and rosemary to coat. Place vegetables on greased pan and roast in oven; turn vegetables once and cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Remove and allow to cool slightly. Slice the vegetables into bite size pieces.

2. In a skillet over medium heat, add butter and two cloves of garlic and cook until aromatic. Add the shrimp and cook until they are pink, about 5 minutes. Remove and set aside.

3. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and place in a large bowl. Drizzle the rest of the olive oil into the pasta. Toss in the vegetables, as well as the shrimp and their buttery juices and serve with feta and basil.

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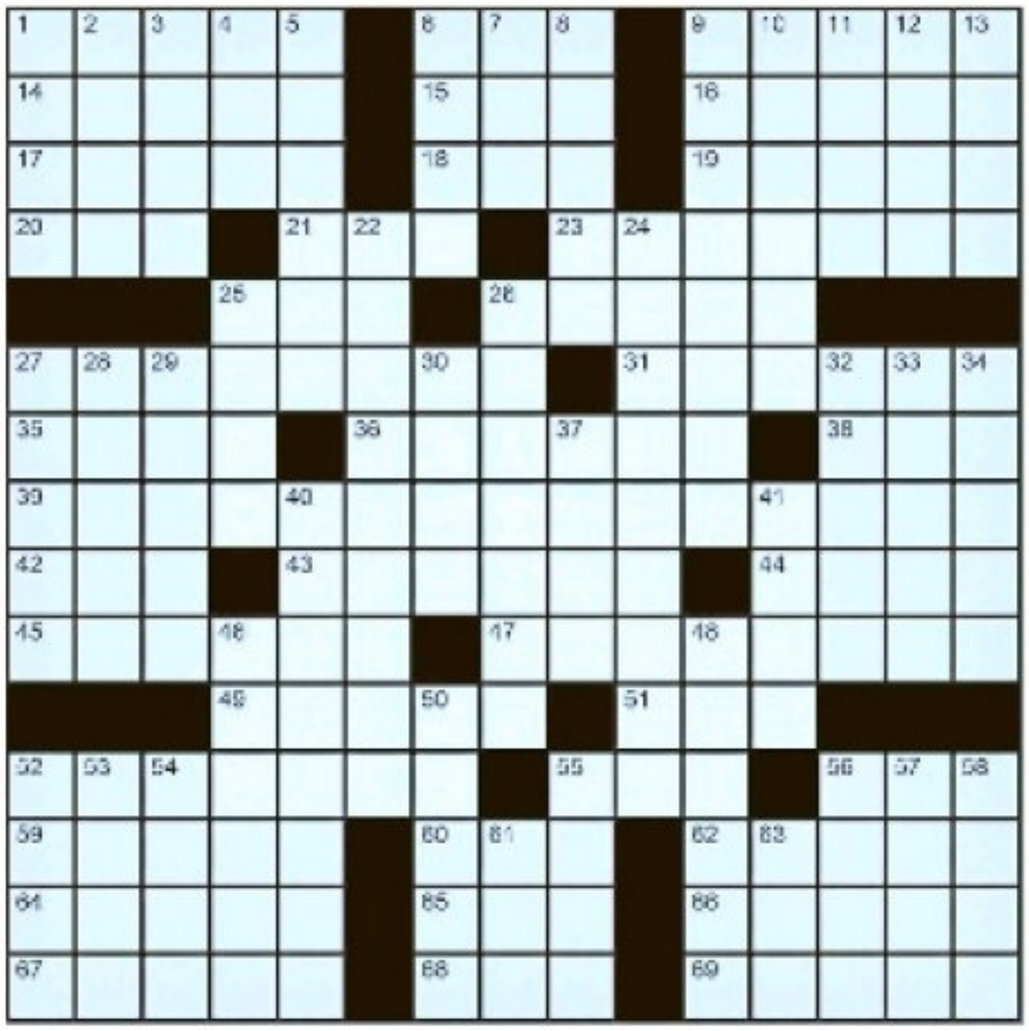

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6. _ constrictor
9. Michelangelo sculpture
14. Dance style, variantly
15. Hole-punching tool
16. Pertaining to sheep
17. Night-on-the-town venues
18. "The Fresh Prince of _-Air"
19. Honeydew _
20. June, Jul., _....
21. Caribbean music
23. Lofty/outstanding
25. ___ Systems (UK defence contractor)
26. Connecting/securing
27. Possible helpful way out, as of a problem
31. Ms. Miller of "Factory Girl" (2006)
35. Much: 2 wds.
36. Commercial area of Venice
38. Alley-_ (Basketball play)
39. Prince Charles' hereditary revenue-reaping-realm, established in 1337: 3 wds.
42. _ _ Z
43. Between 90 and 180 degrees, as per angles
44. Embellish
45. Save
47. Pick a Bosc from one: 2 wds.
49. Rich tapestry
51. NFL positions, e.g.
52. Seeks assistance: 2 wds.
55. Seer's skill, short-style
56. What person?
59. Skirt style
60. Critical
62. Egg-shaped
64. Donut or muffin alternative
65. Toronto's Danforth, e.g.
66. Enthusiastically exalted
67. Wolf down the food
68. "That's correct."
69. Salon lock

DOWN
1. Sea wolf
2. Humdinger
3. Super-pleased with oneself
4. Shrink
5. Bahamas capital
6. _ Wawa (Vintage SNL character)
7. Must money-up
8. Between-buildings spot
9. What Canada Day used to be called, _ Day
10. Get even/retaliate
11. Foul
12. Get _ _ the ground floor
13. Car fender damage
22. Town in western Saskatchewan with a built-in-1914 water tower (that resembles a lighthouse) that can be seen from miles away
24. Is cruel to
25. The two of them
26. Posh pieces of porcelain, perhaps
27. "_ Love" by Golden Earring
28. Rinse with a solvent
29. Fashion: Ms. Chanel's
30. Use a sieve
32. Lacking in oxygen means there's what practically?: 2 wds.
33. _ prosequi (Not proceeding, in law)
34. Black Eyed Peas member, _._.ap
37. Misplace
40. "Keep _ Alive" by Queen
41. Kilograms, e.g.
46. Mason Jars user, often
48. Official study
50. Hunky-dory
52. Pop can openings
53. _ Bator (Capital of Mongolia)
54. Capital of Latvia
55. "For Your _ Only" (1981)
56. Used a loom
57. "Get movin'!" commands
58. "Eat My Brain" Canadian band, The _
61. Hit album of 2002: '_-Olution'
63. Sort, shortly

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Something unexpected might occur at home today that shakes up your world. As a result, arguments with authority figures might occur. Pull in your reins and be diplomatic with everyone.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your routine will be interrupted today, definitely. Give yourself extra time for wiggle room. If not, you might bark at someone because you are frustrated.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Keep an eye on your finances and cash flow today, because something unexpected will affect them. Avoid disputes about shared property, money and debt.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a tricky day! Because something catches you off guard, you might be so frazzled that you end up having an argument with a friend or a partner. Chill out.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Something going on behind the scenes is unpredictable today. Feelings of uncertainty could make you impatient with others. Stay frosty.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because someone might say or do something unusual, this could lead to a dispute, especially with a member of a group. For your own good, count to three before you respond.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Even though you're unhappy with a decision made by someone, avoid arguments with bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police today. You will lose more ground than you gain.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because they will become embroiled. Meanwhile, travel plans will be cancelled or changed. Crazy day!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Double-check your bank account, because something unexpected might be going on. Quarrels about shared property and debt might occur.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a dicey day to deal with partners and close friends. Even if you practice patience, you might encounter conflicts with others.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Power struggles might arise with a coworker today. This could be due to equipment breakdowns, cancelled meetings or something unexpected. Don't lose your cool. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Parents will have to be patient with their kids today. Likewise, romantic partners need to be patient with each other, because today is full of intense energy!

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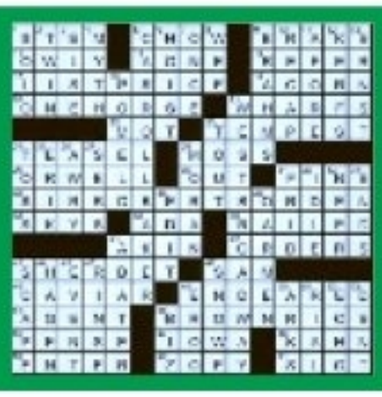

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